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SECRETARY ELLIOTT RETIRES ACTIVELY

From Palatka Board of Trade to Enter Merryday Grocery Co.

At a called meeting of the Board of Governors of the Palatka board of trade on Friday night last week, Secretary E. W. Elliott, who has been the guiding star of the board for the past year, tendered his resignation. Mr. Elliott stated that he had a business offer with the Merryday Grocery Co., one that he could not afford to ignore, and while he thanked the governors for their co-operation and assistance in his work during the year, he felt it incumbent upon him to insist upon the acceptance of his resignation.

The action of the popular secretary left the board in a bad way; it would be without a secretary to look after the correspondence and other office work of the organization. which has grown to considerable proportions. The board offered to compromise with Mr. Elliott. It offered to get him an assistant secretary provided he would remain in charge, he to name his assistant.

Mr. Elliott considered a moment and then proposed to continue for the present as secretary, without salary, and to install his nephew, Mercer Davis, to look after the office work under his direction. This was acceptable to the governors. Mercer Davis is on deck therefore as assistant secretary of the board. Mr. Elliott calls in each day and helps the young man over the rough, or unaccustomed places.

Mr. Elliott has made a premier secretary of the Palatka board of trade. He is a mixer and a diplomat. He has systematized the work and has popularized the movement of the trade body as no other secretary was able to do. He is a business man of the first order and this the newly organized Merryday Grocery Co. was able to see and appreciate; they grabbed him and Mr. Elliott is now in the office of the company helping to build up the business, and to do his part in securing a name for Palatka as a jobbing center.

The Merryday Grocery Co. is to be congratulated; the Palatka board of trade is to be commiserated.

All Angels Red-Headed.

Bishop Quayle of the Methodist Episcopal Church spoke at the Hamilton club in St. Paul, Minn., recently "in defense of the red heads."

"The world of men is divided into two parts," declared the bishop, "red heads and bald heads, no one paying any attention to anybody else."

"You girls who are not red heads can begin to mend your ways at once, and you boys who are not, I should advise do nothing; you soon will be bald heads anyway."

"All angels are red headed—at least all pictures ever painted of angels give them sorrel tops."

Miss Sipprell, County Agent.

Miss Josephine Sipprell of Florahome, one of the best known and equipped of our county teachers, who was last season principal of the Peniel school, has been named by the county school board as successor to Mrs. Jessie Burton Collette, as County Demonstrator, or Agent in charge of the Girls Gardening and Canning clubs.

This is a work which Mrs. Collette started some two years ago in this county and which she has worked up a great interest in among the school girls of the county. She resigned because of the smallness of the pay, and in her resignation the county loses a most valuable instructor in a branch which is bound to be of incalculable benefit to the future generation of women—the girls of today.

Miss Sipprell as her successor appears to be a happy choice on the part of the school board. She, too, is fitted by nature and training for this important work, and it is thought that the county, after she has obtained her bearings, will lose little by the change of demonstrators.

A Good Man.

The Times-Union of Wednesday carried nearly a column account of the death of Thomas Costa, of Tallahassee. It is seldom that a plain citizen is given so much notice. This was in recognition of the general esteem in which Mr. Costa was held. He held no official position, and his walk in life was along the sequestered paths rather than in the high road of publicity. Yet the death of no man in Tallahassee could bring more genuine regret to so many people.

If we look for a reason it can probably be found in the cheeriness of disposition and the uniform optimism which were characteristic of this departed apostle of sunshine and happiness. He had a smile and a kind word for all with whom he came in contact during the day's routine, and today it is borne home to those who knew him that the world is better for his having lived. No better tribute could be paid any man. Unflinching loyalty to the cause of the Confederacy was a fixed principle with him, and he made it rule never to miss a reunion. He was the life and mainstay of his local camp, and particularly in this rapidly thinning circle will he be sadly missed.—Orlando Reporter-Star.

NOTED LEADERS OF ANTI-SALOON FORCES

Will Speak for a "Dry America" Rally Next Monday Night.

Those who want to hear possibly the greatest platform orator in America, had better get into the Baptist church early next Monday night.

The speaker will be Hon. John G. Woolley, LL. D., one of the colossal figures in the temperance reform, with special reference to the movement for a nation-wide prohibition movement.

John G. Woolley is a born orator, which means much more than just being a polished speaker, for, as has been said of him, "he is that, too, for he possesses that God-given power to stir the hearts, awaken the consciences and compel conviction in the minds of his hearers." He is humorous and witty and logical. Every sentence of this great orator sparkles with electric energy. He has been for many years before the American people, though it is doubtful if he has ever before been in Florida to lecture.

In company with Dr. Geo. W. Morrow, one of the leading Anti-Saloon League workers of the country, Dr. Woolley is making a campaign in the interests of the Sheppard-Hobson amendment to the constitution of the United States for nation-wide prohibition, and which will be presented to the congress at an early day.

One of the great New York dailies, in referring to Dr. Woolley's address at the National Anti-Saloon League convention in Atlantic City last July said: "His theme was 'The Spirit of the Road.' It was a marvel of oratory. For more than an hour he held the great audience under the spell of his impassioned eloquence."

It makes no difference what men may think of the prohibition question—whether they be for it or against it—there is not a man living who can come away from hearing an address by John G. Woolley without feeling that he had heard the speech of his life.

The Palatka Baptist church will be crowded to the doors next Monday night, March 20th. There will be no charge for admission; but it is likely that an offering will be made.

Election of Officers.

The annual election of officers of the Woman's Club, held last Friday afternoon in the Putnam House parlors, resulted in the choice of the following officers to serve next year: For president, Mrs. J. L. Dunsford; 1st Vice-president, Mrs. W. M. Boyd; 2nd Vice-president, Mrs. Fred. Merrill; 3rd Vice-president, Mrs. A. L. Trombley; Recording secretary, Mrs. Teaff; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. George E. Gay; Treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Brown; Auditor, Mrs. George W. Bassett; Chairman of the literary department, Miss Rena Brown, and chairman of the Music department, Mrs. J. E. Lucas.

Potato Growers Tremble.

The cold of Wednesday night seems to have done but little if any injury in the East Palatka section. Mr. W. A. Walton one of the big growers says no damage was sustained at his farm. P. J. Becks and Thos. Murray made a trip over the district yesterday afternoon, and on their return said that the potato fields looked all right.

These gentlemen apprehended little trouble for Thursday night, the wind seeming to have shifted to the east. However, should the wind die down the indications favored a frost, in which event the potato fields would be seriously damaged.

This is Some Tooth.

Our friend H. C. Waldron of East Palatka is responsible for this:

"Just come up from a visit with my father-in-law, Mr. N. E. Douglass of Welaka. While there I took a trip out on Lake George with W. H. Cannon and Tom Douglass, who were seining for fish. We were over near the west shore of the lake when the seine was pulled in. In the catch was a giant tooth. The tooth weighed four pounds and was seven inches long and four inches wide. It was broken some, but the roots were there and a line of demarcation showing the part above the jaw. Mr. Cannon has the tooth, but no one seems to be able to guess the kind of an animal who had the face to grow such a monster."

Mayor by Acclamation.

The city convention last Friday night nominated Hon. W. P. Merriam, the present mayor, for another term by acclamation.

Mr. Merriam was not a candidate in the sense that he was a seeker for the office. He would only take it on condition that it was given him by the free will of the voters of Palatka. Well, it was so given.

Mr. Merriam has been mayor for the past several months by virtue of his office as president of the city council, and became mayor on the death of the late lamented S. J. Kennerly. He is a gentleman of wide acquaintance, connected with the Wilson Cypress Co. and one of the members of the corporation known as the Florida Woodenware Co. of this city. Palatka is to be congratulated on its prospect for having such a man to head its municipal government during the coming year.

SCHOOL PUPILS HOLD INTERESTING DEBATE

At Howell Theater Tuesday Night—Pomona School Wins.

An interesting debate between the prize orators of the Palatka and Pomona schools was the attraction at Howell theater on Tuesday evening.

The Pomona school was represented by Causey Green, Robert Middleton and Miss Grace Wells.

Palatka's school team was made up of Warren Sleep, Norman Currie and Fannie Wilson.

The theater was well-filled with people, many of whom were children from the schools interested, though of course the Palatka boys and girls greatly outnumbered those from Pomona.

Rev. Robert S. White, pastor of the Pomona Congregational church, was made chairman of the meeting, and the judges were Rev. E. H. Byrons of Pomona, Hon. Henry Hutchinson and Geo. B. Everson of this city.

The subject, while The News has not the exact wording, was: "Resolved that the preparedness program as outlined by President Wilson, should be accepted."

The affirmative side was taken by the Palatka debaters, while Pomona held the negative side.

Well, it was indeed interesting to hear these young people discuss this great national question, a question that is just now agitating the people of the whole country. Those who have thought little on the subject, had they been present to hear these young people discuss it, would have come away assured that they had been doing some thinking. Their points for and against showed that. In this the boys were not alone. The girls are some debaters, and unless we mistake the signs of the times they will be able to hold their own in any future discussions, be they in the family, the church or the state.

When the debate was concluded and the judges had compared notes, it was announced by the chair that the decision was in favor of Palatka, two of the judges being for the Palatka school and one for Pomona. Mr. Byrons, who lives at Pomona, announced that his decision was for the affirmative, the Palatka side.

This decision was so published. But after the meeting had adjourned Mr. Byrons discovered that he had made a mistake. Rev. Mr. White, chairman of the meeting, when he found this out, got busy on the telephone and called up the Palatka judges, assuring them that Mr. Byrons had made a mistake in giving the decision to the affirmative instead of the negative.

Both Mr. Everson and Mr. Hutchinson assure The News that Mr. Byrons called off his figures as favoring the affirmative.

Anyway the points were so close that it is going to take some more debates to thoroughly settle in the minds of hearers which really excelled; both were excellent.

The figures, as they stand corrected are:

Judge Byrons—Pomona, 370; Palatka, 289.

Judge Hutchinson—Pomona, 81; Palatka, 79.

Judge Everson—Pomona, 94 1-3; Palatka, 95 1-3.

In the original report Judge Byrons had his figures reversed.

In connection with the mistake of Rev. Mr. Byrons, one of the judges, The News has received the following letter from Rev. R. S. White, the chairman of the debate.

Pomona, Mar. 15th

Editor Palatka News:

Enclosed find figures of Rev. Mr. Byrons and Mr. Henry Hutchinson, two of the three judges who took part in the debate last evening. This report brought in by their chairman was that Palatka had won, two to one.

Mr. Byrons informed me last night after the debate that he had given his largest number of points to Pomona as you will see by the enclosed. Mr. Hutchinson informed me that he had given Pomona one more than Palatka (should have been two, as you will find when you divide the sum total by three.) This of course as you will readily see gave Pomona his vote. He was under the impression that he was the only one who stood for Pomona. When I informed him that Rev. Mr. Byrons had also given Pomona the largest number of points, he immediately replied that if that was true Pomona team won. I called up Mr. Everson and gave him the particulars. He said that he had misunderstood Rev. Mr. Byrons then. He thought that he had voted for Palatka and according to this Pomona had won. Said also that he would immediately start in to set things right.

I have the original of the enclosed signed by the two out of the three judges. I am holding them so as to have them to produce when desired. I was the one who presided over the meeting last evening and I feel that it is my duty as soon as possible to set things right. Any thing that you can do to help will be very much appreciated.

ROBERT S. WHITE, Accompanying the copies of the figures of Messrs. Hutchinson and Byrons, is an affidavit duly executed by Mr. White before Hon. W. S. Middleton, justice of the peace, to the effect that they are true copies of the original reports of these judges.

No one in Palatka doubts Mr. Byrons' statement that he made a mistake. However, it was unfortunate that he did not discover his error before the meeting adjourned, so that the audience would not have gone away under a wrong impression.

THE PALATKA-RODMAN-ORANGE SPRINGS ROAD

Bonding Election on Tuesday Gave Big Majority for Bonds.

That there will soon be a fine, broad highway leading from Palatka through Rodman and Kenwood to beautiful Orange Springs was settled by the votes of the precincts through which the road will traverse at a special election last Tuesday.

The vote was nearly four to one in favor of bonding for the proposed road.

The road to be built is in distance about 20 miles long, and will form a connecting link in a highway which will lead from Jacksonville through Palatka and Ccala to Tampa. This 20 miles just approved is to be constructed of sand-asphalt and will cost a little over \$80,000, the amount to cover expense of engineer and bridges and all other matters connected with the building.

Among the tax-payers along this line of road, the small farmer will cut but little figure. A great part of the country through which the road passes is owned by the Rodman Lumber Company, of which Mr. H. S. Cummings is the head, and the Florida Farms & Homes, Inc., of which latter corporation Col. James R. Murphy is president and general manager.

Speaking of this Mr. Murphy reminds us that at the last meeting of the board of county commissioners he appeared before that body and made a most liberal proposition. It was this: That if the commissioners would keep the hard road between Palatka and Edgar in repair all the time, he would bear one-half the expense. That is Murphy all over. He doesn't want any good thing for nothing; he is willing at all times to pay his part of the score and a little more.

Piano Day at High School.

Palatka is soon to have an opportunity of witnessing a very beautiful and unique affair and also the privilege of contributing to the musical education of Palatka's children. April 7th has been set apart by the primary department of the Palatka school as "Piano Day," and on that day contributions for the piano soon to be installed will be gratefully received.

At 4 p. m. the same day there will be a bird concert given by the primary department on the court house lawn. Prof. Chattaway has kindly offered a 4-piece orchestra for the occasion and the whippersnappers, nightingales, fairies, flowers etc. will make the scene a most beautiful one. It is hoped that the people of Palatka will give it their heartiest support.

A piano for the primary department has long been a dire necessity and the teachers have been greatly handicapped by this lack. If you searched this wide land over you could not find a modern, up-to-date primary school without a piano and proper musical training for the younger children. Why? Simply because if a child is not taught to love, understand, and sing music in the early school days he will not do it later. Other things crowd into his life, he is not so receptive, his voice is not so easily cultivated.

Palatka, are you going to be a drag to your future citizens, or an inspiration? Are you going to have them look back upon you with distrust, with the feeling that you failed them in their necessity, or will they look with love upon the city that helped to the worth-while things of life? For music is worth while.

Shakespeare, that grim old tragedian, thoroughly understood that, for he wrote:

"The man that hath no music in himself,

Nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds,

Is fit for treason, stratagem, and spoils."

No one understands the value of music better than our modern educators. Listen to Dr. G. Stanley Hall, Prof. of Clark University. "Music is the language of the heart and education in music is coming to occupy a higher and yet higher place in our school life." Also, we find in one of our best music journals, "Love and appreciation of the truly good and excellent is developed in the early stages of school life, and one of the most powerful influences in the periodical giving of Musical Festivals, Bird Concerts, etc."

This wave of musical enthusiasm that is sweeping Palatka from center to circumference is not of cyclopic origin, neither is it a tidal wave, but it is the slow sure growth of progress, and has grown out of the vital necessity of Palatka's Children. We love them and if it is within our power to give them the best of life, it is theirs.

It is hoped that the Bird Concert of April 7th, will be only the beginning of our city's awakening.

MRS. W. M. CURRY.

Tangerines for Satsumas.

A writer in the Pensacola Journal Wednesday complains that tangerines are being sold in the Pensacola market for Satsumas. So he feels upon to sound the alarm, as follows:

Pensacola Journal:

One of our city fruit dealers are playing their annual game of off-tangerine oranges when a customer calls for Satsumas, and others keeping on the safe side of the law by saying that "the Satsuma is count and we don't sell it."

All who are not strangers to it know, the Satsuma has been off market for several weeks—probably February 1st—and it's poor for our dealers to impose on customers through either of methods.

Satsuma, through its convenient and delicate flavor, is advertised far in advance of its product, and our business men should be the fact that it is a coming fruit of this north gulf coast region which can neither be denied nor denied.

If common honesty cannot prevent our tourists know that the Satsuma is strictly an early type of fruit, but few if any to be had after February 1st.

W. S. REEVE.

Mr. Reeves shouldn't worry; if he buys a tangerine for a Satsuma he will not regret it; he will get money's worth. To compare a tangerine to a Satsuma is like comparing a naval to a southerner, which latter, except for a few, bears a strong resemblance to a pock-marked Satsuma.

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